

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3 and 4, and amend claims 14 and 18. A complete listing of the claims follows:

1, 2. (Previously cancelled)

3, 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously amended) The coated aluminum substrate of claim 18 wherein said polymer containing carboxylic groups is selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, and polyurethane polymers.

6. (Previously amended) The coated aluminum substrate of claim 18 wherein said polymer has a number average molecular weight of from 1,000 to 20,000.

7. (Previously amended) The coated aluminum substrate of claim 18 wherein said polymer has an equivalent weight equal from 200 to 2,500.

8. (Previously cancelled)

9. (Previously amended) The coated aluminum substrate of claim 18 wherein the beta-hydroxyalkylamide is bis-hydroxyethylamide.

10-12. (Previously cancelled)

13. (Previously amended) The coated aluminum substrate of claim 18 wherein said polymer is present in an amount ranging from 10 to 80 weight percent based on the total weight resin solids in the powder coating composition.

14. (Currently amended) The coated aluminum substrate of claim 18 wherein said curing agent is present in an amount ranging from 2 to 40 weight percent based on the total weight resin solids in the powder coating composition.

15. (Previously amended) The coated aluminum substrate of claim 18 where said polymer is an acrylic polymer.

16, 17. (Previously cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) A coated aluminum substrate containing a cured coating derived from a coating composition comprising:

- a. — a polymer containing carboxylic functional groups;
- b. a beta hydroxyalkylamide curing agent having functional groups reactive with the functional groups of the polymer which is present in an amount sufficient to cure the polymer; and
- c. 0.5 to 10 weight percent based on the total weight of resin solids in the coating composition of 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methyl-phenol a phenolic compound having alkyl or branched alkyl substituted groups as the two groups adjacent to the

~~hydroxy group on the aromatic ring~~, the coated substrate being characterized as having improved filiform corrosion resistance compared to a similar coated substrate that does not contain (c) in the cured coating.